



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Acting Director of Public Works  
Director of Planning

At its meeting held June 14, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“As the many unincorporated communities in Los Angeles County change and grow, the Board of Supervisors should consider enacting a system to preserve older buildings that are architecturally or culturally significant, as has been done in other local jurisdictions. The City of Pasadena, for example, requires that a property owner provide sufficient evidence that a structure fifty years or older does not have any historic significance prior to issuance of a demolition permit. The City of Los Angeles maintains a list of historic and culturally significant structures, and there is a review process required prior to issuance of a demolition permit.

“The County of Los Angeles General Plan contains language supporting historic preservation, yet the County does not have a system in place to proactively ensure the preservation of older structures that are architecturally or culturally significant. Experience in other jurisdictions suggests that it is feasible to do so, and the County should explore options to adopt such procedures for our unincorporated communities.”

Therefore, Supervisor Antonovich made a motion that the Director of Planning and Acting Director of Public Works be directed to:

1. Research and identify options whereby the County could potentially prevent historic buildings from being demolished;

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2. Identify what mechanisms have been implemented by other cities and counties to prevent the demolition of historic structures;
3. Consult with the Los Angeles County Historical Landmarks and Records Commission; and
4. Report back to the Board within 60 days.

Supervisor Molina made a suggestion that Supervisor Antonovich's motion be amended to also instruct the Director of Planning and Acting Director of Public Works to include the impact and feasibility of creating an adaptive reuse building code, like that of the City of Los Angeles, and to investigate other incentives such as creating a Mills Act program. Supervisor Antonovich accepted Supervisor Molina's amendment.

Supervisor Antonovich's motion as amended, seconded by Supervisor Molina, was unanimously carried (Supervisor Knabe being absent).

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